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three 2018 **Petite Sirah** Contra Costa County

This Petite Sirah is sourced from a mature vineyard in Contra Costa County with an extremely sandy-loam soil (similar to beach sand) called Delhi Sandy Loam. The Delhi soil classification is considered to have the lowest organic material and the highest sand content as compared to any other loam soil. This stratum which was deposited around the bay area town of Oakley in Contra Costa County by the historic meandering of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers was then blown into sand dunes by the massive cooling air flows through the San Francisco Bay into the vast Central Valley of California.

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Situated only 50 minutes from San Francisco by car, grapes have been planted and have been growing in this area for over 150 years. One corner of this vineyard property has about 1 acre of the original field blend of Zinfandel, Carignane, and Mataro planted by an Italian immigrant family named Mazzoni. A small portion of these grapes Carignane (5%) and Mataro (1%) were co-fermented with the Petite Sirah.

Our Petite Sirah vineyard has vine rows running east to west with a high of about 20' elevation on the east side to about sea level on the west end. Due to the soil type and moderate growing conditions, the vineyard produces low yielding small berry clusters with intense color, structure and fruit flavors. Explosive aromas of blueberry preserves and sweet herbs and packed with blueberry flavors and firm tannins, accentuate this ultra-concentrated Petite Sirah. Drink now for its primary fruit plushness or age 5 to 7 years to help soften the tannins.



Harvest Date:	September 17, 22, & 23, 2018
T.A.:	0.57 g/100 ml
pH:	3.66
Alcohol:	15.4%
Residual Sugar:	3.3 g/l (dry)
Brix at Harvest:	25.6°
Case Production:	1,180 (12 x 750 ml)
Suggested Retail:	\$28

*“The dirt, the micro-climate, and sustainable wine-growing (from vineyard to bottle) form the cornerstone of **three**.*

These critical elements are in every bottle we make.” Winemaker

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